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For: MATERIALS COMPRISING POLYMERS

OR OLIGOMERS OF SACCHARIDES CHEMICALLY BONDED TO A SUPPORT

USEFUL FOR CHROMATOGRAPHY

AND ELECTROPHORESIS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

This letter is in response to the Office Action of October 14, 2004. Please find enclosed remarks and arguments addressing the Examiner's rejections.

Remarks/Arguments beginning on page 2 of this paper.